IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of

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RESPONSE

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2007, having a period for response set to expire on January 16, 2008. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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